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10 HOLD UP FAST TRAIN; BANDIT KILLED

MORE DOUBLE TRANSIT FARES IF HYLAN'S SUBWAY SCHEME SHOULD BE ADOPTED BY CITY

Chairman McAneny Points Out in Answer to Mayor's Statement That Way Would Be Open for Extra Charge.

There Were 185,000,000 Extra Single Ride Payments Made in Year—Subways Cannot Be Taken Over for Years.

In answer to Mayor's statement that the city must own and operate new transit routes, Chairman McAneny of the Transit Commission, said today:

"There is little occasion for present comment upon the Mayor's statement. It is not necessary to indicate just what the city is talking about, and I imagine we shall have to wait until the actual plan to which he refers is produced before venturing any opinion. All that I can gather at the moment is that he is proposing to deal with the subway lines as the surface lines have been dealt with. Through the splitting up of the formerly unified surface systems into a lot of separate lines, each charging fares of its own and cutting transfers, something like 185,000,000 double fares were collected during the year ended June 30, 1921. The Mayor apparently has in mind pulling the subway system apart in like manner so as to have one set of lines operated by the companies and a number of others run by the city, each collecting fares of its own. It is difficult to believe that he is putting forward such a proposition seriously.

"The subway lines could not be recaptured as a whole by the city for many years, even if it proved to be good business to take them. The Mayor's statement indicates that he appreciates this, but that he would break them up and run them separately just the same.

"The Mayor talks about politics. There is no politics in the building of subways is a work of years, and if it were to adopt a plan of new building for the reason that an election is held in November of each year, it would get nowhere. This suggestion, in short, is another that, I trust, will not be taken seriously. The only politics in the transit programme will be of the sort the Mayor succeeds in injecting into it. But I venture to say that the man who, as a play in a political game, attempts to block the relief the commission proposes to give to the suffering masses of people who now daily fight their way up and downtown on the subways will have a great deal to account for."

It was pointed out by the transit engineers today that under the Public Service law of 1907 the transit authorities of the State, now the Transit Commission, but formerly the Public Service Commission, is the only governmental body that can approve new rapid transit routes. Under the law, the city authorities, through the Board of Estimate, cannot engage in subway building, except jointly with an operating company. Even if the city were to initiate a programme of its own for additional

75-FT. DEATH LEAP FROM 'L' STATION AT 110TH ST. CURVE

Women Scream and Become Hysterical by Suicide During Rush Hour.

"Goodby, I'm gone."

A man believed to be William Shaw, poorly clad and apparently in distressed circumstances, uttered these words as he jumped from the north end of the south-bound platform of the 110th Street station of the "L" into Manhattan Avenue, about 75 feet below.

It was about 7 o'clock this morning and the platform was crowded. Women screamed and some of the more hysterical ones created a near panic.

At the West 109th Street Police Station, seven cents and a watch were found in the pockets, as well as a number of pawn tickets and a tooth brush.

Two notes were left by the suicide signed William Shaw. One read: "Please notify Mrs. Madden, No. 445 65th Street, Brooklyn. She is a friend and has my insurance policy, which will cover my funeral. I do not want an expensive funeral and want the rest of the money to go to her."

The second note read: "Take me to the Morgue. I am sorry if I cause any one any trouble. I am going to jump from the 'L' station at 110th Street, New York. It is 250 feet high and will break every bone in my body. I am at the end of my rope."

Flappers Cause Eye Disease, Say Optometrists

Ocular Loop the Loop to Be Discussed at Convention—Remedy Sought.

LOS ANGELES, May 15 (Copyright.)—Edward H. Morrissey, President of the Los Angeles Association of Optometrists, in announcing today plans for entertaining delegates to the Western Congress of Optometry, to meet here in a couple of weeks, said that the congress would have an important discussion of a new affection of the eyes and the means of correcting it. The importance of finding a remedy lies in the fact that the disease is held responsible for a number of traffic accidents, and causes the eyes of those who acquire it to loop the loop at the slightest provocation.

"It is ocular's delectable," Dr. Morrissey said, "and this is a disease peculiar to men. They get it from trying to drive automobiles and at the same time trying to watch flappers climb curbs and street cars.

"It is a fact and not a joke. There is a growing tendency toward muscular error in the vision of men and optometrists assign it to the 'loop the loop' convolution of the eyes that watch the road and the girls simultaneously."

More than 1,500 delegates from ten Western States are expected at the congress. The strange part of the whole thing is that the sufferers from ocular's delectable have no desire to be cured and will fight treatment to the last ditch—or high curb.

\$11,900,000 PAID IN GOLD IN GERMAN REPARATION
PARIS, May 15 (United Press).—Germany today paid the Allies \$11,900,000 gold marks (\$11,900,000) due for reparations.

U. S. WILL DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN NEW HAGUE PARLEY

Allies in Hole and Want to Drag Us In, Says One Official.

CALL MOVE POLITICAL.

Harding Willing to Help Economically, but Sees Only Politics.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, May 15 (Copyright.)—Unless some phase of the situation not now apparent changes the whole face of things, the United States will decline the invitation of the powers at Genoa to participate in a conference at The Hague to discuss the Russian problem.

Ambassador Child's cablegram confirming press dispatches arrived in time to be the subject of informal conference today among members of the Administration and Congress. The prevailing opinion is not only that America should not accept but that America will not.

"Lloyd George is in a hole and is trying to drag us in with him—and about all Europe wants is our money," said an influential member of the Administration today whose opinion will count for a great deal before a decision on American policy is finally made.

Entirely apart from the motives, however, which have prompted the request for American participation, the view is emphasized here that any conference such as proposed would be a failure unless Russia herself shows a disposition to change her attitude. The notes of the Soviet Government at Genoa, together with recent pronouncements from Moscow, have not been looked upon here as affording a sufficient basis for dealing with the Soviets.

France has played a skilful game, she has known that in the matter of recognizing Russia the United States was as much, if not more, hostile to the views of the Soviet as any country in Europe. France has hitherto been accused of disrupting European concert and standing in the way of economic reconstruction. Tiring of that cry and anticipating another flood of criticism for her stubborn refusal to concede to the Russian viewpoint, the French diplomats have insisted that they would do whatever the United States thought best.

The appeal to America to participate in a Russian Conference is as much based upon French hopes of aligning herself with America on the Russian question as it is on Lloyd George's desire to take the Genoa Conference out of its present hopeless atmosphere and try anew at The Hague with the powerful voice of America at the council table.

In Washington, cablegrams from

VOTING MACHINE BID IS REJECTED

The Board of Elections unanimously voted today to reject the bid of the Automatic Registering Machine Company of Jamestown, N. Y., to furnish 427 voting machines at \$240 apiece. The bid, which was the only one received, was not in accordance with the specifications in the board's advertisement.

Secretary of State Lyons had already ordered 425 machines for the city from the concern whose bid was rejected. The Board of Estimate has decided not to pay for them, and any attempt by Mr. Lyons to force the city to take the machines will be met by injunction proceedings launched by the New York State Federation of Labor, which charges that the Jamestown corporation does not comply with the State labor laws.

It is the opinion among politicians that voting machines will not be used in the next election in this city.

Five Ku Klux Klansmen Invade Jersey Church During Service And Give Rector Note With \$25

White Robed Figures Enter and Depart From Elizabeth Edifice While Congregation Sings "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Elizabeth, N. J., is discussing to-day the appearance last night in the Third Presbyterian Church of five Ku Klux Klansmen who marched down the aisle in full regalia and handed Dr. R. W. Mark, the rector, a note accompanied by \$25 in bills.

It was a musical service in the church with special numbers. At 8 o'clock the congregation arose and from the organ came the opening notes of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The audience began to sing and the edifice reverberated with the swelling sound of—

"Onward, Christian Soldiers, Marching as to war!"

When the doors swung open and a hooded Klansman, with flowing white robes corded at the belt, marched into the aisle, holding aloft an American flag. In his train were four Klansmen, marching two by two, and to the rhythm of the hymn they approached the platform from which Mr. Mark was directing the service.

There was a gasp or two in the congregation, but the singing of the hymn went on as if nothing had happened. As the white-robed figures neared the platform, the Klansman raised his right hand, then lowered it and handed the money and the note to the surprised rector. The Klansman turned, the quartet made way for him and he headed for the door, his escort falling in behind, two abreast, and marching out to the strain:

"With the Cross of Jesus Going on before."

Before the hymn was finished Dr. Mark and opened the note and found the money. At the conclusion of the singing, the congregation remained standing in hushed expectancy. The rector read the note aloud, and a buzz went through the church, for the congregation then realized that they had been gazing at five members of the real Ku Klux Klan.

The note informed Dr. Mark that Ku Klux Klan, Elizabeth No. 3, Realm of New Jersey, approved of the distribution of the money from the Deacons' Fund, but said nothing as to the disposition of the \$25. The note added that the Klan was pledged to the following ideals:

White supremacy, protection of women, sanctity of the home, separation of church and state, pure Americanism.

"There was no interruption of the services," said Dr. Mark to-day. "It was a musical service and many of the congregation told me afterward that they thought the appearance of the white-robed men was an innovation in the service, and so they went right on singing."

KU KLUXERS GIVE BILLY SUNDAY \$50

Twelve Klansmen Halt Services in Richmond, Ind., to Present Envelope.

RICHMOND, Ind., May 15.—Rev. William Sunday, evangelist, preaching in a tabernacle here last night, was interrupted by twelve persons, clad in the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan, and presented with an envelope containing \$50 and a note explaining that the money was a "little token of appreciation of the good work that you and your associates are doing in perpetuating the tenets of the Christian religion throughout the Nation."

CHICAGO, May 15.—After an attorney had asserted that Constantine Yodas, charged with beating his wife, "was not fit to kiss his wife's foot," Judge Haas in Police Court disagreed. "I think he is fit to kiss his wife's foot," the judge said. "You kiss your wife's foot, and I will kiss his wife's shoe twice."

COP COMMANDEERS AMBULANCE FOR HOLD-UP CHASE

Bellevue Driver Takes Policeman in Race After Speeding Taxicab.

KEEPS GONG CLANGING.

Search for Victim Who Disappears Fearing Robbers Will Come Back.

Policeman Henry Hagen of the Fifth Street Station early to-day introduced the novelty of chasing robbers in an ambulance.

Joseph Zalaski, thirty years old, a baker, of No. 541 East 11th Street, was on his way home at 1 A. M. When at Second Avenue and Third Street four thugs got out of a taxicab, leaving the driver at the wheel, broke his nose and closed his eyes with blackjacks and fists, and took \$112 from his pocket.

Zalaski's shouts were heard half a block away by "Red," driver of a Bellevue Hospital ambulance, who had taken Dr. Hall and Policeman Hagen on a sick call. "Red" called the policeman from the hallway of the house and they pulled up alongside of the victim.

"Stick-up! There they go in the taxi," Zalaski explained.

"Red" put on all speed and clanging his gong went through Second Avenue after the taxi, with Hagen in the back, revolver drawn. The taxi turned into Fourth Street and the ambulance, with every vehicle giving it a clear right of way, began gaining.

At First Avenue "Red" crowded the taxi to the curb.

"What's the big idea?" demanded a voice from the taxi. "We don't want no ambulance."

"No," replied "Red," "but you're liable to want one in a minute. Here's a load of cops want to talk to you."

Hagen stepped out of the ambulance with his revolver and ordered the men in the taxi to get out and keep their hands up.

"Red," by order of the policeman, went through their pockets for weapons, without finding any. He then searched the taxi and found none, so the five were told to drive to the Fifth Street Station, which they did, still thinking the ambulance was filled with policemen.

"Where's your complainant?" asked the Lieutenant when Hagen brought in his prisoners.

"That's so," recalled Hagen, "I'll have to go back and get him." He re-entered the ambulance and "Red" drove him to where the victim had been left on the sidewalk, but Zalaski had disappeared.

For twenty minutes the ambulance scouted the neighborhood looking for a man with a broken nose and both eyes closed. Finally he was found. "Where've you been?" asked the cop.

"Looking for this ambulance," Zalaski replied. "I'm all out."

"We've been following you all around town. Why didn't you stay still?"

"And let 'em come back to get this gold?" Zalaski displayed a \$5 and a \$10 gold piece and two \$25 gold coins which the thugs had missed. When he had been attended to the station he was put in a cell so the police would know where to find him when they wanted him as a witness.

EXPRESS MESSENGER KILLS BANDIT. WOUNDS ANOTHER; FRUSTRATES TRAIN ROBBERY

SHOT BY ASSASSIN AS HE SLEEPS NEAR WIFE AND CHILDREN

Behan in Serious Condition—Was Lately Released from Blackwell's Island.

Joseph Behan, thirty-one, a dock worker, was mysteriously shot under the heart at 2:30 A. M. to-day as he lay asleep near the bed in which slept his wife and three children in the basement of No. 468 Warren Street, Brooklyn. A revolver with an empty and a loaded chamber was found near the bed.

His wife, Mary, said she did not hear him come in, and, on being awakened by the shot, saw a dark figure running out the door. The police believe the assassin followed him home. He is in a serious condition in the Long Island College Hospital.

The police say Behan a few days ago finished a term on Blackwell's Island for assaulting a man with a bat at a baseball game. A brother, they say, was killed in a fight said to have been with a policeman a year ago. Two years ago Denny Meehan, alleged leader of a gang in the same neighborhood, was shot and killed as he slept. One report is that Behan has been associating with the same crowd.

80-CENT GAS RATE IS CONFISCATORY

So Rules United States Supreme Court Applying It to 1919 and 1920.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The New York statutory gas rates of 80 cents were to-day declared by the Supreme Court to be confiscatory during the calendar years 1919 and 1920.

The decision was delivered in cases appealed by the State and County authorities in proceedings brought by the Central Union, Northern Union, Mutual, Standard, New Amsterdam and East River Gas Companies, which resulted in the United States District Court of New York City holding the statutory rates confiscatory.

The court ordered materially reduced the compensation which New York courts allowed Abraham S. Gilbert for his services as Special Master in the gas cases. Gilbert was allowed \$118,000 by the New York Circuit Court for 252 days of work in eight gas cases. The Supreme Court ordered that the compensation of \$57,500 for his work in the Consolidated Gas Company case be cut to \$28,750 and in the seven other cases reduced by two-thirds.

21 KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENTS IN U. S. SUNDAY; 100 HURT

Twenty-one persons met death in automobile accidents throughout the United States yesterday, close to 100 others were injured, four of these probably fatally. Speeding automobiles, out of control, accounted for most of the deaths. In two instances automobiles were stalled in the path of trains.

Nine of the twenty-one killed were pedestrians.

Desperadoes Fail to Get Any Loot in Hold-Up of Chicago-California Limited.

CHASED ACROSS DESERT

Fire Shots at Trainmen and Uncouple Engine—Passengers Not Molested.

(Special to The Evening World.)

TUCSON, Ariz., May 15.—An attempt to steal the express matter on the west-bound Golden State Limited, one of the Rock Island featured trains, at Jaynes, a flag station eight miles south of here, at 1:10 o'clock this morning, was attended by every time-honored accessory to a hold-up—to wit, ten masked bandits placing torpedoes on the tracks and stringing themselves out along both sides of the right of way, the sudden stoppage of the train, shots fired by the bandits at the heads of trainmen investigating from car vestibules, uncoupling of the engine and express car and forcing the engineer to run them a short distance from the rest of the train, efficient fire action on the part of the brave express messenger, whose name in this instance happens to be Harold; a dead bandit and another wounded, nine disappointed desperadoes fleeing south over the desert in a Ford touring car and a posse of 100 chasing them on the swiftest and toughest cow ponies in the southwest. At daylight the cavalry posse was augmented by several big automobiles, carrying extra tanks of gasoline and water; also deputy sheriffs armed with rifles and shotguns.

The long train was picking up speed after the stop at Tucson. The desert was white as snow in the light of the moon. Engineer Reed was all unsuspecting when he heard torpedoes popping under the wheels of his locomotive. Shutting off steam he applied the airbrakes and the train came to a standstill.

Three figures arose from the shadow alongside the track and swiftly loaded the engine. Each of the men carried a revolver. About a quarter of a mile down the road Reed could see an automobile with men standing beside it. More men, masked and armed, appeared alongside the express car, immediately back of the engine.

BANDITS FIRE ALONG THE LENGTH OF TRAIN.

D. M. Madegan, the vigilant conductor and one of the brakemen, opened vestibule doors on both sides of the train and looked out to see what was happening. Bandits stationed for that purpose promptly began firing along the length of the train and the conductor and brakemen withdrew their heads.

In the mean time one of the bandits—a trained railroad man, judging by his movements—had uncoupled the express car from the coach behind it and gave a signal. The bandits in the locomotive cab ordered Reed to go ahead until the express car was alongside the automobile.

With the muzzle of a revolver pressing against the small of his back, Reed complied with the order. While the engine and car were moving the Express Messenger Harold Stewart cautiously opened the side door of his car and took a peek at the situation. He had his rifle in his hand.

The moonlight revealed all the settings of the desert drama. Close beside the track a few yards ahead a masked man with a bag in his hand presented a fair target. He was in